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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL.	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Application No.: 10/813,004	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: March 31, 2004	)	
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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING	)	
MEDIUM, MAGNETIC	:	
RECORDING PLAY-BACK	)	
DEVICE, AND INFORMATION	:	
PROCESSING DEVICE	)	June 3, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents		
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.


The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited, in an abstract attached to each and, if provided, in a corresponding US published application. JPA 2002-340944 cited in the specification on page 16 corresponds to WO 03/069677, now of record.

CONCLUSION


It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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